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SUBJECT: SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
VOTE ON ARMS TO TURKEY

1. ON MARCH 26 SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VOTED
9 TO 7 TO LIFT BAN ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.
VOTING FOR WERE GRIFFIN, CASE, SCOTT, PEARSON, PERCY,
BAKER, SPARKMAN, MANSFIELD, AND MCGEE. OPPOSED WERE
HUMPHREY, BIDEN, CLARK, MCGOVERN, PELL, CHURCH, AND JAVITS.
SYMINGTON, WHO PROBABLY WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR BILL, WAS
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OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES THAT HUMPHREY AND JAVITS WERE DEFLECTED FROM VOTING IN FAVOR BY THEIR PREFERENCE FOR AN INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD PUT THE SENATE ON RECORD AS FAVORING USE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SECTION 614A WAIVER FOR UP TO DOLS 50 MILLION OF MAP FOR TURKEY.

3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THOSE WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE BILL DID SO IN THE BELIEF THAT THIS WOULD HELP THE ADMINISTRATION OBTAIN SOME MOVEMENT FROM THE TURKS TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

4. WHILE THE RELATIVELY CLOSE VOTE INDICATES THAT ADDITIONAL EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO GET THE BILL THROUGH THE SENATE, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY ANKARA SHOULD WITH JUSTIFICATION PRESENT IT TO THE TURKS AS AN INDICATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS AND A JUSTIFICATION FOR FURTHER TURKISH RESTRAINT ON ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. FACILITIES. KISSINGER UNQTE KISSINGER

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